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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

| Office Action Summary | Application No. | Applicant(s) |
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| | 09/976,283 | DANG ET AL. |
| | Examiner | Art Unit |
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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address --

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Status

1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 May 2005.

2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.

3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

4) Claim(s) 2-38,40 and 42-60 is/are pending in the application.
4a) Of the above claim(s) 29-35,42 and 45-59 is/are withdrawn from consideration.

5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.

6) Claim(s) 2-23,28,40 and 43 is/are rejected.

7) Claim(s) 24-27 is/are objected to.

8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.

10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.

 Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).

 Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).

11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

1) Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2) Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3) Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
4) Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____.
5) Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6) Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Receipt is acknowledged of the request for continued prosecution, claim, amendments, and information disclosure statement filed 05/05/2005.

Applicant has requested rejoined of the no-elected claims. However, the claims as amended are not considered allowable (as will be explained in the action that follows). Further, even if they were, application would have to elect another structure for search purposes, since searching all the structures of these claims would entail an undue burden on this office.

The following rejection is maintained in this action:

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(a) the invention was known or used by others in this country, or patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country, before the invention thereof by the applicant for a patent.

Claims 2-23, 28, 36-38, 40, 43-44 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(a) as being clearly anticipated by Wen et al.

Wen et al disclose a biocompatible polymer having phosphate-based linkages and one or more radiosensitizers (see introduction as well as materials and methods).

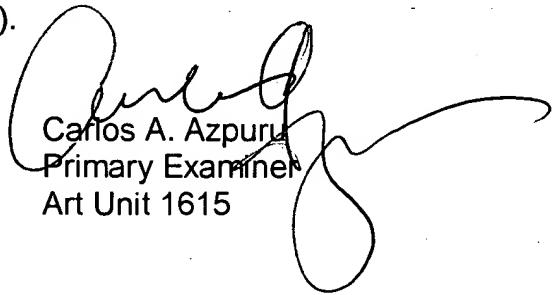
The composition may have up to 25% loading level, and may be in the form of microspheres (see page 66, column 2, paragraph 3). Delivery may be for a period of about 50 days (see Figure 1). The limitation to subsequent treatment with electromagnetic radiation is viewed as an intended use since applicant is claiming a composition, not a treatment. Further, limitations drawn to the reduction in doubling time, inhibition of neoplasm by reduction in volume, therapeutic index and ED50 are considered inherent properties of the same biocompatible polymer containing radiosensitizers as disclosed by Wen et al. The instant claims are anticipated by Wen et al.

Claims 24-27 are objected to as dependent upon a rejected base claim.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Carlos A. Azpuru whose telephone number is (571) 272-0588. The examiner can normally be reached on Tu-Fri, 6:30 am - 5:00 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thurman K. Page can be reached on (571) 272-0602. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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